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SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR DESALTING SEAWATER OBTAINED
IN SAUDI ARABIA BY A FRENCH FIRM

1. AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTED ON JANUARY 21 THAT
A 58 MILLION FRANC CONTRACT HAD JUST BEEN WON BY
SOCETEC (AN ENGINEERING FIRM) FOR THE DESALTING
POWER PLANT FOR THE HOLY CITY OF MEDINA, SAUDI ARABIA.

2. THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF:

--PRODUCTION OF 76,000 M3/A DAY OF DISTILLED WATER,
--PRODUCTION OF 200 MW ELECTRIC ENERGY FROM A STEAM
THERMAL PLANT,
--ALL THE EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS NECESSARY FOR THE
EXPLOITATION OF THESE PRODUCTION UNITS AND OF THE
PIPELINE,
--A PIER TO PERMIT UNLOADING OF SHIPS OF MORE THAN
10,000 TONS.

3. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PLANT WILL BE OPERATIONAL
BY THE END OF 1980. ALL ASPECTS DEALING WITH THE
TRANSPORTATION OF DISTILLED WATER FROM THE PRODUCTION
SITE TO MEDINA WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF L'OMNIUM
TECHNIQUE DES TRANSPORTS PAR PIPELINE (OTP), WHICH
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OWNS THE MAJORITY OF THE CAPITAL OF SOCETEC. THE

INDEPENDENT LIBANESE ENGINEERING FIRM DEPETEC WILL BE
IN CHARGE OF ALL CIVILIAN ENGINEERING WORKS. BUILD-
INGS AND OF THE PIER.

4. SOCETEC HAD ALREADY BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH A FIRST
CONTRACT OF THIS TYPE IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE YANBU
SITE.
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